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# S. 1179

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. BENEFITS UNDER THE MEDICARE DRUG PRO-**  
4                               **GRAM HAVE NO IMPACT UNDER OTHER FED-**  
5                               **ERAL PROGRAMS.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1860D–42 of the Social  
7       Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–152) is amended by add-  
8       ing at the end the following new subsection:

1       “(c) BENEFITS HAVE NO IMPACT ON BENEFITS  
2 UNDER OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS.—Benefits under  
3 this part, including the availability of negotiated prices  
4 under this part and premium and cost-sharing subsidies  
5 under section 1860D–14, shall not be treated as benefits  
6 or otherwise taken into account in determining an individ-  
7 ual’s eligibility for, or the amount of benefits under, any  
8 other Federal program.”.

9       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
11 ment of section 101(a) of the Medicare Prescription Drug,  
12 Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law  
13 108–173; 117 Stat. 2071).

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